



HILLINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning and Achieving Together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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Values for the School Year (2023/2024): Mutual Respect, Kindness and Belonging.

Important Religious Festival of Diwali

We know that many of our families will soon be celebrating the festival of Diwali.

As part of their Religious Education curriculum our pupils have an opportunity to share their Beliefs and Values. It is very important to me that our children are able to share their own personal life experiences as it is an important part of their identity. The more we understand about each other the more we build understanding among a community and the more our children feel they belong at school. It is important to me that each child feels special for who they are and that includes their chosen faith or their choice not to follow a faith.

If any pupil would like to talk about their Diwali celebrations then we would enjoy hearing them talk about their experiences and it would help us to learn about different faiths. Next week we have asked class teachers to devote time for the children to share their news. If your child would like to take part could you please talk with them about what they might say. For our younger pupils this may be a few sentences. For our older pupils they might choose to write something. We also welcome photographs of this special occasion. However, I am keen that this does not feel like an extra job for children (or parents!) to do after a wonderful celebration. Pupils are only encouraged to share if this is something they would like to do.

Class - Teacher's Name	Sharing Time - Beliefs and Values
Nursery - Ms Sheldon	Friday Morning and Afternoon
Reception A	Friday 17th November - Afternoon
Reception H	Friday 17th November - Afternoon
Reception M	Friday 17th November - Afternoon
Year 1 A	Friday 17th November - Afternoon
Year 1 D	Friday 17th November - Afternoon
Year 1 F	Friday 17th November - Afternoon
Year 2D	Friday 17th November - Afternoon

Year 2A	Friday 17th November - Afternoon
Year 2L	Friday 17th November - Afternoon
Year 3H	Friday 17th November - Afternoon
Year 3J	Friday 17th November - Afternoon
Year 3P	Friday 17th November - Afternoon
Year 4P	Tuesday 14th November - Morning
Year 4A	Tuesday 14th November - Morning
Year 4Rees	Wednesday 15th November- Afternoon
Year 5J	Tuesday 14th November - Morning
Year 5M	Tuesday 14th November - Morning
Year 5S	Tuesday 14th November - Morning
Year 6B	Tuesday 14th November - Afternoon
Year 6C	Tuesday 14th November - Afternoon
Year 6J	Tuesday 14th November - Morning

Today we stood in silence and remembered all those men and women who have died in wars and conflict as part of our commemoration of Remembrance Day. Over the last few weeks, we have talked a lot about peace and how we hope our World can become a more peaceful place to live. We have talked to the children about the importance of peace beginning with them and our community and how important it is that we show mutual respect and kindness. We will continue talking about peace as we enter Anti-Bullying Week, a well established annual event at our school to remind our pupils about the importance of 'Making a noise about bullying' so it can never be accepted in our school community.

I wish all our families celebrating Diwali a happy celebration.

Best wishes,



Ann Bowen-Breslin
Principal

Reminder

We will mark the start of the week by participating in **'Odd Socks Day' on Monday 13th November**. All children are encouraged to come to school in odd socks to show their support. Students will be present in the playground at the start and end of the school day to collect donations should parents / carers wish to make one. **All monies raised will be spent on purchasing Personal Development resources for the school linked to anti-bullying.** More information can be found at: <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week>. In addition, Year 6 will be making anti-bullying ribbons and these will be sold during the week for 50p.